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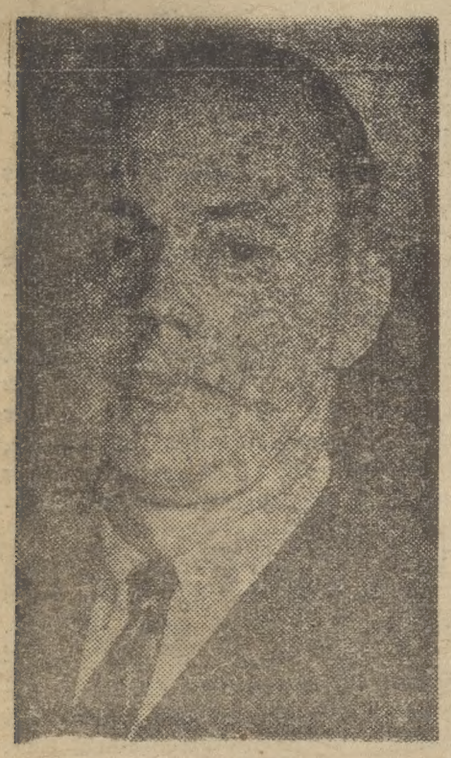

BISHOP CARL W. BUEHNER, of the Church Presiding Bishopric represented General Authorities at Palo Alto Stake's conference, May 15.

2,000 Hear Elders Bennion, Goff In Discssions

By Verna Mayhew

For the first time in the history of the LDS Church in the Bay area a quarterly conference was held in Richmond, Sunday, May 1, when nearly 200 people gathered at the Richmond Civic Auditorium. Elder Adam S. Bennion of the Quorum of the Twelve and Elder Mark Garff of the General Church Welfare Committee were the visitors.

President W. Glenn Harmon conducted both sessions and was the first speaker. He expressed gratitude to the City of Richmond and to officials of the building for their cooperation in preparing for the conference and to the Sherman Clay Music Company for the use of an electric organ. President Harmon called attention to the model of Temple Hill, on display and stated that the large two stake tabernacle and amusement center was to be started in the near future. In fact, they hope to break ground June 1. Collection of funds will begin immedately. When he first came to the Bay area, about 1922, there were only two chapels in the area now comprising six stakes, he said.

"The Church has indeed grown and is growing at a very rapid rate," President Harmon said. "But growth for growth's sake is not necessarily a good thing. It is what is done with the growth that is important." and added that the essence of the gospel is progress and we cannot progress without effort. He gave what he considers the two great reasons for the growth of the Church. The

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Christiansen Talks At Oakland Stake

By Dale E. Roe

Holding an over-flow quarterly conference session on Mothers' Day, May 8, in the Shrine auditorium, Oakland LDS stake members heard speakers pay eloquent tributes to mothers of the church and urge all members to 'choose the hard right over the easy wrong." Elder El Ray L. Christiansen, assistant to the Council of the Twelve, and Donald E. Davis of Church Welfare, represented general authorities.

Oakland Stake President Delbert F. Wright opening the Sunday

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Oakdale Dedicates New $75,000 Chapel; Others Planned

A $75,000 church was dedicated at Oakdale, April 10, by Elder Hugh B. Brown. Bishop Halvor T. (Sammy) Johnson and his counsellors, Earl B. Mendenhall and Charles H. Stamps, are really beaming and are now running around without a hammer in their hands. The building is of brick veneer construction with a tile roof.

Other buildings under construction in the San Joaquin Stake at this moment are chapels at Turlock, Brentwood, Manteca, and a stake house at Stockton. Completed in the past few years are beautiful chapels at Tracy and Modesto.

A suggestion has been made that this Stake establish a branch in New Zealand where the following members of the stake are serving on labor missions: From Tracy; Charles R. Dana, former member of Sacramento Stake Presidency, Ray Dana, and William Dickerson. From Stockton; Tracy Bingham. From Brentwood; Jesse Brown. These brethren also have their families with them.

In addition to these labor missionaries, nine regular missionaries from this Stake are serving in that area.

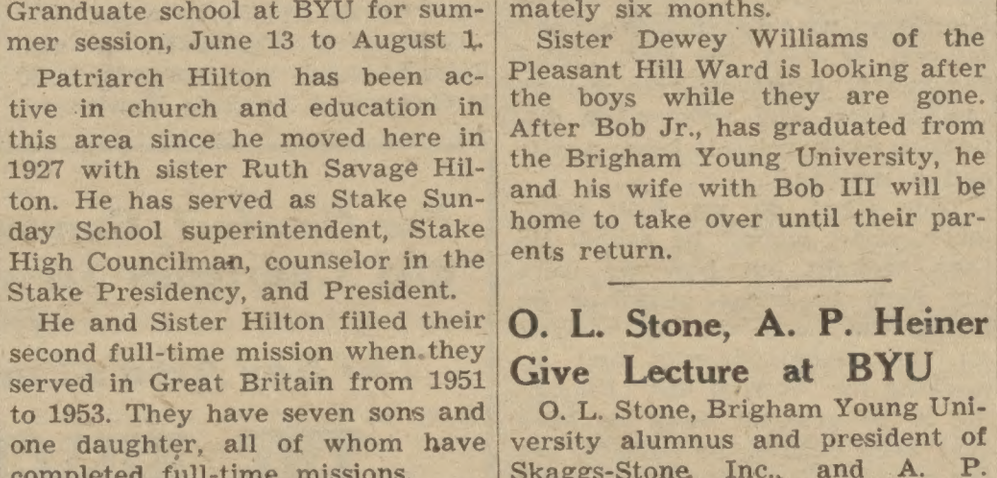
Dr. Eugene Hilton on Summer School Staff

Eugene Hilton, Oakland Stake Patriarch and former Oakland Schools educator, has accepted an appointment to the staff of the Granduate school at BYU for summer session, June 13 to August 1.

Patriarch Hilton has been active in church and education in this area since he moved here in 1927 with sister Ruth Savage Hilton. He has served as Stake Sunday School superintendent, Stake High Councilman, counselor in the Stake Presidency, and President.

He and Sister Hilton filled their second full-time mission when they served in Great Britain from 1951 to 1953. They have seven sons and one daughter, all of whom have completed full-time missions.

Brother Hilton, two years after he was graduated from Brigham Young university, established the Church Seminaries in Lehi, Utah, and Blackfoot, Idaho. He received his doctorate at the University of California.



ROBERT F. WILLIAMS and ROSEMARY SCOTT WILLIAMS will be honored in a farewell party before leaving for the British Mission (Story on page eleven.)

THE HONORABLE JEEP AND ITS TWO PASSENGERS, just back in Berkeley from five weeks' archaeological research in Southern Mexico. Left, Thomas Stuart Ferguson, president of the New World Archaeological Foundation; right, I. B. Ball, Messenger editor and associate on the jaunt to ancient sites in what are believed to be Book of Mormon lands.

Mexican Book of Morman Lands Surveyed By Thomas S. Ferguson, Edwin M. Shook

Thomas Stuart Ferguson, president of the New World Archaeological Foundation, and a party consisting of Edwin M. Shook, archaeologists of the Carnegie Institutions, Washington, now working at ancient Yucutan sites, Ernest Strong of Springville, Utah, and I. B. Ball, editor of the Messenger, Berkeley, California, completed a five weeks survey of Southern Mexican archaic mounds and ceramic samples ending with the arrival of Mr. Ferguson and Mr. Ball in Berkeley, Monday evening May 16 in the expedition's new jeep. The milage covered exceeded 8800 miles.

Leaving Berkeley April 1, Ferguson and Ball drove to General Conference, purchased the jeep in Salt Lake City and picked up Mr. Strong, April 8 at his home in Springyile, Utah. Mr. Strong, president of a very large firm of road building contractors, joined the party in an advisory capacity to recommend the proper types of earth moving equipment that will be advisable in future digging at the locations which have been chosen as a result of the survey just completed.

Entering Mexico at Nogales, Arizona, the three arrived in Mexico City April 12 where they were joined by Prof. Floyd Carnaby of the art department of the Utah State College in Logan, who is on a year's leave for study in Mexico City, and who is particularly interested in the art, crafts, and architecture of the ancient settlers in Middle America.

Conferences were also held in Mexico City with Otto Done, LDS artist-photographer, who accompanied Dr. Milton R. Hunter in his recent visit to ancient sites in Meso-America.

Visiting on the way such sites as the pyramids of the sun and moon and the temple of Quetzacoatl at Teotihuacan, and the wonderful mosaic palace walls at Mitla, the pyramid at Cholulu, and the ruins at Monte Alban where Tomb 7 was found filled with

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Larsens Start Two Month Stay, Europe

Walnut Creek ward Bishop Robert G. Larsen and his wife, Francell, enplaned May 12 for a two month stay in Europe. Bishop Larsen has been sent by his Company on business which will be in Holland nd Italy.

While not engaged in business and taking his vacation at the same time, Bishop Larsen and wife will visit France, Germany (American Zone), Denmark, and Berne Switzerland where the European Temple is being constructed. They are also planning a stopover in England, where they were stationed sometime ago for approximately six months.

Sister Dewey Williams of the Pleasant Hill Ward is looking after the boys while they are gone. After Bob Jr., has graduated from the Brigham Young University, he and his wife with Bob III will be home to take over until their parents return.

O. L. Stone, A. P. Heiner Give Lecture at BYU

O. L. Stone, Brigham Young University alumnus and president of Skaggs-Stone, Inc., and A. P. Heiner, vice president, public relations and traffic, Kaiser Steel Corp. were guest lectureres on the Executive Policy lecture series at Brigham Young University in April. Elders Stone and Heiner are members of Oakland 5th Ward.

San Francisco Stake Conference June

Quarterly conference sessions have been scheduled for San Francisco, June 4 and 5.

Priesthood leaders will meet Saturday at 8:00 p. m., June 4. General conference sessions are at 10 a.m., and 2 p.m., with a 7 p.m. meeting to be conducted by the MIA, Sunday, June 5.

More Than 4,000 Participate In 4 Bay Primaries

More than 4,000 boys and girls and officers and teachers are active in the four Bay Area LDS stakes of Berkeley, Oakland, Palo Alto and San Francisco. The activity spreads over 39 wards and 4 branches.

Berkeley stake's 11 wards and two branches list 191 officers and teachers; and 810 of 1254 children in the stake enrolled, plus 51 non-LDS. Average attendance is 552.

Oakland stake's 11 wards and one branch lists: 185 officers and teachers; 875 of 1428 children enrolled, plus 105 non-LDS; and an average attendance of 540.

San Francisco stake's 7 wards: 110 officers and teachers; 453 of 740 children enrolled.

Palo Alto's 10 wards and one branch: 175 officers and teachers; 846 of 1200 children enrolled.

Heading up the work in Berkeley stake is President Annetta Wood, with first counselor, Bessie Braby; second counselor, Minerva Bailey; and secretary, Ann Sorenson.

Oakland Stake's president Leah Finch is assisted by Melba Larsen as first counselor, Kathryn Kollenbaum as second, and Vera Bodily as secretary.

Palto Alto's stake primary president, Laura Lambourne is assisted by Dorothy Chaplin who serves as first counselor, Venice Simpson, second, and Elizabeth Jarrard, secretary.

San Francisco: President, Gerda Green; assisted by Vera Fosleyn, first counselor; Elverda Henry, second; and Marjorie Smith, secretary.

The present youth - building structure could support almost double the present enrollment, if each class were to be increased. Provision is made for instruction in 12 classes: nursery for boys and girls under 4; then a class for each age group up to MIA age 12. Class names: nursery, beginner, Group 1, Group 2, Co-Pilots, Top-Pilots, Blue birds, Seagulls, Blazers, Trekkers and Guides.

Primary workers now conduct the Cubbing program, and the 11-12 year old Boy Scouts (Guides) for the Church.

Primary July Events: Fun-da-lay, Pioneer Day

Primaries of Bay Area stakes, along with other stakes in the Church, have already started to plan two big July events: parades for Pioneer Day, July 24, and Fun-da-lays for Trekkers, Blazers and Guides, as outlined in this typical announcement:

July will mark the 30th anniversary of Trail Building in Primary. A special Anniversary Fun-Da-Iay celebration is being planned for all Trail Builder boys, their parents and leaders, with program, recreational activities and refreshments. Whether the Fun-Da-Lay takes place in a park, canyon, home or church do plan to attend and enjoy the event with your son and his Primary friends. You'll hear more about it as the time draws near.

BARBER SHOP HARMONY was offered at a recent San Leandro ward banquet by these Primary boys: Clark Jackson, David Bauer, Bill Buckley, Bob Stagg and Ward Eccles.

J. NEWELL CHRISTENSEN NEW STAKE MIA SUPERINTENDENT

Sunday, May 8, David H. Fuhriman was released with a sincere vote of thanks as Superintendent of the YMMIA of the Oakland Stake, together with his counselors, Grant Hawkins and Fleming Pope. These men have given many hours of their time to this important organization during the past 3-4 years, during which period the Mutual has made great strides forward. May we take this opportunity to extend the best of wishes for health and happiness to Brother Dave and his associates. Brother Fuhriman and Hawkins have accepted stake mission calls.

J. Newell Christensen, formerly a member of the Alameda Ward Bishopric was sustained as Superintendent of the YMMIA. Brother Christensen brings with him a great deal of experience and enthusiasm to his new position.

MIA SPRING FESTIVITIES

Some 800 members of the Oak land Stake enjoyed the fine Dance Festival held the evening of May 21, at the San Leandro high school which highlighted Mutual activities this past month. Interest and participation of the young people of the Stake was especially good and the cooperation of the wards of the stake was very much appreciated. Especially do we acknowledge the capable leadership of our Stake Dance Directors, Sisters Shirley Eastman and LaRue Meine who were responsible for the success of the Dance Festival.

BEEHIVE SWARMNIGHT

Beehive Swarmnight was another outstanding evening. We are proud of the accomplishments of these young girls. Many of them received the highest awards possible for their interest and participation in the Bee Hive work this past year. A display bf the girls' handiwork was greatly admired, especially ten beautiful quilts built around the Beehive symbols

MIA MAIDS DINNER

Mia Maids of the Oakland Stake were honored at dinner on the evening of May 31 at the Alta Mira Club in San Leandro. The girls themselves planned the "festval" which was carried out by Stake and Ward department leaders and which was lovely in every respect.

ANNOUNCEMENT FROLIC

Jr. Gleaners and Jr. M Men had their Announcement Frolic in the form of a barbecue on the night of May 28. Lots of food and lots of fun was enjoyed by all. Later in the evening they joined the other young people of the Stake at the regular Saturday Night Dance.

The following evening(Sunday, this same group of Jr. Gleaners and Jr. M. Men held a most inspirational testimony meeting following church services at the Oakland 2nd Ward. It is especially gratifying to leaders to hear our young people express their feelings toward the church. We aim to build testimonies in the Mutual organization and such gatherings as these make us proud and happy to have even a small part in directing the lives of our youth.

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OAKLAND STAKE CONFERENCE SPEAKERS PAY TRIBUTE TO MOTHERS, URGE "CHOOSE RIGHT"

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morning session, praised mothers for all that they accomplish through love, sympathy and understanding. He thanked Stake officers and ward bishops and their counselors for their "energetic, spiritual efforts."

Reporting on Stake activities, President Wright said that marvelous things have been done on the stake farm. Missionary work "is rolling forth" with 160 more conversions this year than last. After a detailed report of the excellent progress in the stake, President Wright, "in a spirit of love" brought out that Oakland stake is below the church average in Sacrament meeting attendance, Sunday School and MIA. He urged better completion of ward teaching assignments and more reverence in church meetings. He asked parents and teachers to cooperate to the end that there be more reverence shown.

Donald E. Davis discussed self-control and training to help one solve problems. He urged support of ward Bishops with the full value of two meals on Fast Sunday. He stressed the importance of storage "in your own home" of the materials and foods your own family needs. "Our security is in our own efforts," he said.

Looking to the future, he urged that members pay off property, settle capital investments because "tomorrow may be too late."

David H. Fuhriman, who has been released to serve on a stake mission, after more than three years as superintendent of the stake MIA, told how much he enjoyed his work.

Elder Christiansen said "it is a marvelous thing when we can be where we ought to be, when we are able to choose the hard right instead of the easy wrong."

He commended President Wright for his report and for including "the places where there is a little sagging."

In a tribute to mothers, he quoted, "God could not be everywhere, so he created mothers," and "we believe mothers are partners with God." The Celestial Kingdom needs mothers and fathers, he said. He also quoted Stephen L. Richards: "No woman can achieve any renown or distinction comparable to being a wife and a mother."

"For what do we live, pray, labor, hope, work," he asked. He then brought out how we were put here to prove ourselves by loving the Lord and by keeping all the commandments and by working for "eternal life." Eternal life is the greatest thing we have ever been offered, he advised, but the adversary's program is to urge us to do things the easy way, telling us that it doesn't matter if we sin a little, because he would like to see us lulled away into carnal and worldly attempts at security. "We don't lose our faith by blow-outs, but by slow-leaks," he quoted, so we must not choose the way of the world.

The morning session was opened by Stake Patriarch Robert Paine, music was by the stake Singing Mothers, and closing prayer was by Thys Winkel of the stake High Council.

Afternoon session featured music by Golden Gleaners' choir of the stake, with opening prayer by J. Howard Dunn of the Stake High Council and closing prayer by Marc Lauper, counselor in the San Leandro ward Bishopric.

Elmo R. Smith, first counselor to President Wright, first speaker of the afternoon session, paid tribute to David Fuhriman, Grant Hawkins and Fleming Pope (who have been released from the MIA superintendecy) for their long and diligent service. He praised work crews on the farm who have put in eight hours every Saturday except two when they were rained out. He detailed work on the farm and praised a long list of workers who have contributed in various ways to the success of the project.

President Wright announced that "with a great deal of reluctance" they had accepted the fact that San Leandro Bishop John T. Webster will leave this area because a promotion in his company will bring about a transfer. Bishop Webster told of the joy of serving with other workers in the ward and concluded, "if we are living the gospel, nothing is impossible."

Milton P. Ream, second counselor to President Wright, said that his testimony grows as he works with the council and the presidency. He reported progress in Sunday School work, in Aaronic Priesthood for senior members in Sunday School work, in Aaronic Priesthood for senior members and in the stake missionary program. Illustrating the need for personal growth, development and activity, he quoted the parable of the talents and urged increased activity in welfare programs.

J. Newell Christensen, new MIA superintendent for the Stake, humbly, and sincerely, discussed the values in accepting whenever called upon to do something the Lord wants done.

Louella Christiansen, who serves as matron of the Salt Lake temple, talked of the blessings of her husband's callings and hers, in the church, and said that when a request is made, there is only one answer, "to accept." She stressed the importance of an old-fashioned home with its virtues of prayer, honesty, obedience.

Elder Christiansen emphasized the importance of living for others and pointed out that those who work and contribute in welfare programs get the most out of that service. "Do the best we know how to do, prepare ourselves, and with the strength of the Priesthood of God." we can meet any kind of future, he said.

OAKLAND FOURTH: twin sons were born April 27 to Don and Patsy Ellis. Their names will be Gary Curtis and Jerry Allen.

OAKLAND FOURTH: a son, Kent Michael, was born April 30 to Grant and Marjorie Hawkins.

Oakland Stake

Golden Gleaners Are Conference Singers

By Jane Lauper

Music for the afternoon session of the Oakland Stake Quarterly conference in the Scottish Rite auditorium was by the choral group of Golden Gleaners from this Stake, under the direction of Esterella Olszowka with Lee Ashby accompanying at the piano. "Green Cathedral" and "More Holiness Give Me" were the musical numbers presented.

This group of Golden Gleaners meet every month at the home of one of its members to develop their talents and further their cultural achievements by book reviews, demonstrations, and special talent presentations. Each feels it a great privilege to sing under the direction of Esterella with her unique interpretations of music, as they love to raise voices to sing praises of the Lord and his goodness to mankind.

With the influx of new people in the Bay Area, Golden Gleaners may move in from other Stakes. We would like to this plea: "If through Ward contacts you Golden Gleaners are overlooked, please get in touch with our president, Mrs. Oral Grow of 4804 Webster, Oakland (telephone OLympic 3-2836); we would like to have you affiliate with the Golden Gleaners of Oakland Stake."

Births

PLEASANT HILL: Lots of love and lullabies at the home of Brother and Sister Marvin Vice as they welcome their new daughter, Cynthia Louise, born May 6.

PLEASANT HILL: At the home of Susan and Cal Simons, congratulations are in order for their new son, born Thursday, May 12.

CENTERVILLE: Sister Leah Ivie, former Trekker teacher in Primary, gave birth to a 6 lb 9 oz. boy, Steven Keith, on Mother's Day, Sunday, May 8.

ALAMEDA: to Ernie and Joyce Tedders, a girl, Joy Elizabeth, born Sunday, May 15, at Oak Knoll hospital.

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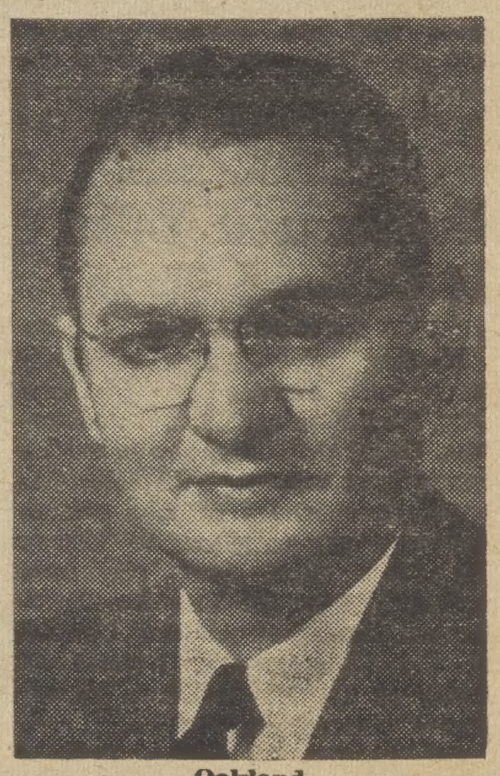

TREKKERS, happy 10-year-olds, from San Leandro ward with their teacher, Alice Bauer, cook their breakfast on a Saturday morning on the barbecue pit at the chapel. The outing was a follow-up to their lesson on the Word of Wisdom which gave them an opportunity to think about and practice preparation of nourishing meals. Participants: Louis Schofield, Jimmie Davis, Tony Bozich, David Woodmansee, Billy Buckley, Clark Jackson, Monte Martin, Ronnie Choate and Pat Hayes.

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Stake Genealogists Honor Mrs. Schier

Brother Luke M. Robinson, chairman of Oakland Stake genealogy committee, presented over one hundrel personal survey and lecture certificates to the enthusiastic members of the largest genealogy class to be held in the Oakland Stake. Mrs. Gustave E. Schier was the inspiring and capable instructor for the series of nine lectures, on all phases of research from the basic rudiments to more advanced problems requiring the highest proficiency. Skillful help and coaching aids were presented weekly with varied lesson aids and reference material.

A reception in honor of the instructor, Mrs. G. E. Schier. Mrs. Mildred Midsker of Livermore ward rendered a duo of solos, and presented a huge cake with a replica of the Los Angeles Temple to Sister Schier, and a glamorus orchid was pinned on her.

Testimonials of blessings received in Genealogy work will be welcomed by Sister Schier for compilation into a permanent inspirational book. Everyone is invited to send them for this collection. Mrs. G. E. Schier 2700 22nd Street, San Francisco 10.

Oakland Ward

"Musicale" June 10; Ginger Chosen Queen

By Frances L. Mayo

The month of May was an exciting one for Oakland ward. Our Ginger Palmer was chosen "Queen of the May." This choice was made after carefully screening 300 children, under the direction of Miss Louise Jorgensen of the Oakland Recreation department. It's a wonderful experience for a charming and well-liked young girl to be "Queen" at Mosswood Park.

Everyone is looking forward to the "Musicale" being given in Oakland ward June 10. Sister Verna Johnson will be directing, and it promises to be a most satisfying evening. Donna Wall, who was a member of the Oklahoma Symphony orchestra this past winter, and Donna Smith, concert pianist, will be guest artists.

Bud Alexander is our new MIA superintendent. Our best wishes go to him to help make this Mutual year a highly successful one.

Eva Schleich and Myrtle Snarr have been called on Stake missions.

Bruce Jefferies has reached age 12 and will be graduated from Primary and ordained into the Aaronic Priesthood.

Our homecoming was exciting. A memorable weekend of festivities, concluded Sunday evening by honoring former bishops and their wives. Saturday night each ward organization presented a skit: Davy Crockett, MacNamara's band, no less, and "more blamed shenanigans."

Hayward Primary

Leaders Accept Missionary Call

By Betty Hughes

It was with a hearty vote of thanks for a job well done, that releases were accepted from Hayward ward Primary President Hanna Angeli and her counselors Colleen Justin and Edrus Dulue, who have been called to fill stake missions.

New officers will be: president, Betty Hughes, with counselors Marjorie Eaton and Mary Crockett. New teachers include: Covia Hutchings, Levina Atkins and Evelyn Hutchings. We will all miss Lily Astin, who with her family, has left to reside in Salt Lake City.

New baby boys were welcomed recently to three of our Primary workers and their husbands: Nara Harris, Susie Soots and Lenore Rodgers.

Our deepest appreciation goes to all who helped us put on such a successful conference, with a special thank you to Marjorie Johnson who worked so long with the choral readers.

NURSERY CLASSES in Primary learn more than rhythm band which they are enjoying here. They are taught to offer short prayers and they listen to stories which help them learn gospel principles. These youngsters are from Alameda ward.

HOMEBUILDERS' ANNUAL party participants, here, receive pins and badges for their work as Larks, Bluebirds and Seagulls in the Oakland stake. Shown with some of the girls are: Sisters Iona Wheable, Oakland Stake Seagull leader, and Leah Finch, Oakland Stake Primary president.

Cub Scout Pack 72 Grows From 12 to 50 Boys in Five Wards

Since the fall of 1953, when Eugene S. Hilton called several men together to organize a Cub Scout pack for Oakland stake, Pack 72 has grown from 12 boys to more than 50. The Pack includes boys from Oakland, Oakland Third, Oakland Fourth and Oakland Fifth wards.

Heading the original committee was Paul J. Hallman who still serves as chairman. Other member's were: Ralph J. Lauper, Harry Lawyer, Linford Pierce and Harry Nelson.

First cubmaster was Donald B. Ellis who served until night work recently forced his resignation.

First den mothers were: Lucille Jefferies, Elizabeth Sampson, Margaret Allen and Leonora Barber.

The Church cubbing program is now part of the Primary organization, so Stake Primary President Leah Finch is an important spark plug in cubbing.

Under Brother Hallman, the cubbing program is worked out by these committeemen: Harold Chase, Harold Fields, Harry Lawyer, Harry Nelson and Ralph Lauper. The five dens are mothered by: Mary Lawyer, den 1; Kittly Kelley, den 2; Hattie Scudmore, den 3; Joyce Hilton, den 4; and Beverly Borges, den 5; and their assistants.

In the present pack of more than 50 boys are many who are not church members, and some committeemen who are not, but everyone works together and all hold LDS ideals.

New cubmaster is Montie C. Martin, assisted by Charles Scudmore. Institutional representative is Heber Brown of the stake high council. Cub leaders, a group of Boy Scouts who function as den chiefs are: Irwin McClay of den 1; Phillip Shurtleff, 2; George Nackos, 3; Herb Hilton, 4; and Larry Smith, 5.

Boys of Pack 72 recently held a paper drive, and last month held a pot-luck dinner at their pack meeting. With parent cooperation, the pack will have a good, well-planned and enjoyable summer program.

Oakland Stake

Oakland's Foreign Missionaries Make Progress Abroad

By Mildred Montano

You'll be glad to know . . .

Don Van Noy, son of Bishop and Sister Herbert Van Noy of Oakland 3rd, formerly branch and district president, now is traveling companion with Elder Peck and supervises the Sunday schools and MIA of the Belgian Mission. President Van Dam wants our prayers for the Belgium Mission . . . does he need to ask?

Blanche Jacobs has her heart's desire and now works with the Lamanites in the Central States Mission.

Arthur Daniels is in the French Mission in Switzreland, working hard, blessed with the gift of tongues.

Joe Allen, arrived in Finland, was escorted directly to a meeting which was in progress, and introduced and asked to speak to the saints in Finnish—which he did.

Oakland Third Ward Wins Priesthood Cup

Oakland Third ward Aaronic Priesthood members under 21 and their leaders, were presented the Stake Aaronic Priesthood trophy at Sunday morning's session of the Oakland Stake quarterly conference May 8.

Eugene Hilton, Stake chairman for the Aaronic Priesthood under 21, presented the trophy to Bishop Herbert A. Van Noy for outstanding work in the past three months of 1955.

Oakland Third scored 1237. Next was Oakland Fifth with 1229.

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Alameda Ward

Floyd Severson is In 70's Presidency

Floyd Severson was sustained in the Presidency of the 247th quorum of Seventies. David Laird was ordained a Seventy.

A book review, "Tea House of the August Moon" by Emma Taylor of Berkeley, was featured at the closing party of the Relief Society.

Marvin Esch, 7-year old son of Cmdr. R. R. and Polly Esch, is at home after a week in the hospital. He was struck by an auto May 13 when he was riding his bicycle. His arm was badly lacerated and required 25 stitches.

Ethel Larsen, Monette Pitman and Chris Mortensen are all back at their homes convelescing after surgery. Our past-president of Relief Society, Rae Stamps, is in the hospital, recovering after surgery.

Housecleaning at the church, May 18, was a success.

Babies Blessed: Holly Lynn Seavers, Sharon Dian Manful, Danny Michael Manful and Michael Ross Gibbs.

Confirmed members: Bruce Elliott Christensen, Ronald Kenneth Manful.

Duane Hunt has received a mission call to the Hawaiian islands and expects to leave in August.

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Castro Valley

Primary Picnic Set For June 23

By Cloma Maxwell
Ward Primary President

Last year's Primary picnic, at the center, was so successful and so much enjoyed, that another is being planned for the first primary day after closing of school, June 23 at 10 a. m., under the direction of Sister Jane Workman. Officers and teachers have organized games for the different age groups, after which a picnic lunch will be served.

Friday, May 6 the Castro Valley ward Primary officers and teachers and their husbands held a party at the home of Russell and Eddy Hall. While the men acted as chefs, charcoal broiling the steaks, the ladies added last minute preparations to dining tables.

Those present: Charles and Cloma Maxwell, Russell and Eddie Hall, Ray and Jane Workman, George and Mary Blazin, George and Clara Scheuller, Dan and Dorothy Burbank, LaDean Christensen, Blanche Blackburn, Roy and LaDean Goodrow, George and Ruby Wellman, Marwyn and Naomi Noble, Glen and Lila Holfeltz, Woodrow and Ida Herbert, Bliss and Lois Cook, James and Natalie McIntyre, Dale and Norma Ramey.

Special guests were Stanley and Betty Maynes, Bro. Maynes is Primary priesthood advisor. After dinner, the evening was spent in playing games.

Saturday, May 7, two of our Primary classes held their Mother's Program. The Beginner Group, under Sister June Morse, participated in their finger plays, each child taking part. The program showed the Mothers some of their activities in Primary and also how very much they enjoyed taking part. Each child was given an attendance chart by Sister Morse which consisted of a tree and each day at Primary added a new blossom to it. The children had previously planted flower seeds in individual pots. Group I, under Sister Norma Ramey, presented a program which consisted of a song by the group, a story with pictures by Sister Ramey. Then each child took one part of the story and retold it with words and actions. They also presented their Mothers with a corsage and a growing plant. It is always with a great deal of joy and pride we watch these little ones, 4 and 5 years old, grow and develop in Primary work.

Recently, the Larks under the supervision of Sister Beverly Wilson presented a Parent's program. All of the girls in the class took part, they include Kathy Brian, Karen Lunsford, Donna Myers, Judy Duncan, Carolyn Blackburn, Cheryl Bowman, Michele Tanner and Karen Hancock. A "Message to the Parents" was given by Sister Wilson.

Our Primary has had some very fine Preliminary programs through the past year. Saturday, May 7, in place of "Singing Time" a program devoted to "Mother" was given. Timmy Rosenkrans sang "You are a Wonderful Mother," Group I sang "Mother Dear" and the Larks sang "Mother" spelling it out as they sang it.

Recently, the Blazers under Sister Ida Herbert presented the program. Their theme was "Reverence." The boys sang "Oh, How Lovely Was the Morning" and then each boy told how we could all be more reverent, both in the chapel and the class room. Sister Herbert then pointed out how each Primary day could be as lovely as told in the song, if we are but attentive and reverent in our Heavenly Father's house.

Centerville Ward

Primary's Building Fund Carnival Set

By Bernice Wilson

Keep June 1st in mind as the Primary's day for their big carnival. This event is for the building fund and it will be entertaining and profitable. Side shows, games and refreshments will be featured. It starts at 7 p.m. so bring your family and your dimes and quarters.

First missionary to be called from the Centerville ward will enter the mission home in June. Daryl Green, son of Earl an Artie Green has been called to fill a mission in the Hawaiian islands. A farewell party will be announced.

There are still three more houses available in the church tract. Houses are open for inspection any day of the week. Contact the McKinleys at 124 Temple way.

Our Sunday School is happy to announce the following officers: Alma Scheuller is superintendent, succeeding Jim Campbell; Ray Truscott is first counseor; Wayne McKinley, second.

The Relief Society lesson year is closing with a feeling of sincere sisterhood. We have enjoyed our meetings, and accomplished much, and our testimonies have been strengthened. Sisters of the ward are invited to attend our sewing day, the second Tuesday in each month during the summer. Final big event of the Relief Society year is the Smorgasborg luncheon for the building fund to be held June 8 at the country club.

The ward dance festival was held Friday, May 27 at 8 p.m. on the church property, in the form of a street dance.

The Mia Maid class under the direction of their leader, Twila Moffat, held their annual Rose Evening, Thursday May 13, at the home of Bishop and Mrs. Winkel. A program was given by the girls.

The Junior Gleaner class of the Centerville Ward had a surprise dinner party for their leader Ruth Hunt, at the home of Darlene Wilson. The girls presented their leader with a book "Temples of the Most High."

A TOPPLING TEPEE is corrected just before the Oakland Stake Primary Pioneer Day parade starts at Arroyo Viejo park. The Tepee was Centerville ward's entry in the parade.

Primary Theme Jesus at Temple

By Myrtle Fremariss

Under a large painting of Christ as a lad, before the learned men in the Temple, Primary children and their teachers staged several skits and songs centered around the theme, "Wist Ye Not that I must be about my Father's business?" In her greeting for the Primary conference program May 1, President Lynette Verhaaren thanked all those who worked on the program, including Brother Armis Ashby who painted the Temple scene.

Other participants were: Mary Bybee as the reader; Jennie Tait, as teacher of the co-pilots; Home Builders as choral readers; a solo by Joanne Anderson, accompanied by Lee Ashby; books, by Top Pilots (signs by Vern Tueller); family group by the Fred Dent family; Little Helpers by nursery and beginners; family prayer by the Doyle Fullmer family; Service by John, Fern and Steven Nelson and Kay Finch. Prayers were by Leland Wright, primary advisor from the bishopric, and by Marjorie Troyer.

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S. F. Stake Meeting Calendar

JUNE—1955

2	7:00	pm	Stake Melchizedek and Sr. Aaronic Priesthood Committee.
	8:00	pm	Stake Presidency and High Council. Stake Conference. (4th and 5th)
4	6:30	pm	Welfare Meeting.
	8:00	pm	Priesthood Leadership Meeting.
5	10:00	am	General Session.
	2:30	pm	General Session.
	7:00	pm	MIA Session.
9	7:30	pm	Cub Scout Meeting.
12	7:30	pm	San Francisco Ward Conference.
	2:30	pm	Bishoprics and Stake Presidency.
13	10:00	am	Stake Primary Preparation Meeting.
16	7:45	pm	Heads of Auxiliary Organizations, Stake Presidency and High Council. (July calendar dates to be checked)
20	7:45	pm	Monthly Stake Priesthood Meeting
26	7:45	pm	High Council visits to all wards.
	2:30	pm	Stake Sunday school Monthly Preparation Meeting.
27	7:30	pm	Stake M. I. A. Leadership Meeting.

S. F. Stake Social Calendar

June 25th — Balboa Ward Host to Stake Party!

Berkeley Stake

Primaries Do It Again Make Honor Roll "Children's Friend"

The Berkeley Stake Primary is on the "Children's Friend Honor Roll" of the Church for the second consecutive year. First year a framed certificate; this year a bronze plaque.

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Balboa Ward

Profanity Declared Always Bad Taste, Often Grave Offense

By Gideon E. Marquardt

BISHOPS MESSAGE

At best, profanity is bad taste; at worst it is grave offense. So states the ward teaching message for June. Most of us have noted, when trouble comes, that one man is hardly through swearing, while the other has found the answer. This is only to point out the futility of cursing. This month we honor Fathers; perhaps we can do well to honor our Father in heaven by using His name only in worship and in praise and service. The father in a LDS home should set the example to his sons and daughters in this matter of proper speech. It is well to remember "Thy speech betrayest thee".

Bishop Willard B. Barton

At our fast meeting May 1st, 1955, the following were baptised and confirmed: William John Beck, Suzanne Shaver, Rex L. Hiatt, Virginia Ruth Van Otten, Andrew Robert Albright and Andrea Jean Albright.

The following babies were blessed: Jody Zane Schofield, Daniel E. Back and Phillip H. Beck.

The Relief Society will hold a costume party June 3, 1955. Everyone is invited. Refreshments.

The Balboa Ward Mutual will be host to the San Francisco Stake at an outing at the Marin Town and Country Club June 25th. Bring sandwiches; punch provided.

Sister Marjorie Baker joins the Junior Sunday School. Pres. Stephen H. Winter and his wife are leaving for an extended trip East; during his absence Max Angle will teach the gospel doctrine class.

The Primary is sad to lose Sister June Lindstrom who is moving to Salt Lake City, Utah and also Sister Beverly Sevinsky who is expecting a blessed event.

The ward has established a blood bank account at the Peninsula Memorial Blood Bank. It is in charge of William Starkey of the bishopric. See or call him for information. Why not deposit your blood today to help someone in need, or for yourself later on?

Sunset Ward

Priesthood Awards Made to Young Man

By Oreti E. Aaron

We congratulate all those who unselfishly devoted time and effort to put on a very successful fashion show. We enjoyed seeing our attractive models, wearing the latest creations for summer from the Elsa Margo Shops, against a garden background decorated by Frank Kinkead of Fashions in Flowers.

Individual awards were presented to the following boys in the Aaronic Priesthood: David Mairs, Edward Patton, Evan C. Ray, Jr., William Shaw, and James Scalmanini. George William Aaron, Jr., also received an individual award with special recognition for 100 percent attendance at the required meetings for the past two years.

A special award was presented to Raymond T. Stein and J. Bonner Ritchie in recognition of having receive four or more individual awards while they were in the Aaronic Priesthood. Both of these fine young men are now elders and each has received a call to labor as a missionary, Raymond in the Swiss?Austrian and J. Bonner in the Eastern States.

Our girls are achieving right along withe young men and added to the growing list of those receiving 100 percent attendance pins are: Judith Pearson, Janice and Judith Mayfield, Sarah Kanzler, Jane Roehl, and April Aaron. Congratulations, and may your achievement be one of inspiration to others!

June 19, special services will be conducted honoring those girls who achieved individual recognition during the past MIA year.

Ordinations of the past month are as follows: Albert K. Barlow and Howard Earl Mayfield, elders. Donald Spratling and Stanley A. Smith, deacons. Elmer John Lauronen who was recently baptised was ordained a deacon.

Success in Primary Requires Team Work

"Raise up a child in the way that he should go and when he is old he will not depart from it," is the spirit of the Primary program, and it requires the help of teachers and parents, reports May Lou Jones, Oakland Second ward Blazer teacher.

"Give a child the opportunity to taste the truths of the Gospel of Jesus Christ, and his life, as well as the lives of others, are influenced for good. But childish minds are pliable and need much sampling of the fruit of the gospel, it is the love understanding, patience and diligence, on the part of the teacher which can make sure that these young minds are shown the way when they are in Primary.

"In many areas we find the children too far away from church to walk, and many children, facing transportation problems, do not enjoy the blessings that come from understanding and living the gospel.

"All members of the church have the responsibility of getting the children to Primary, whether they are their own, their neighbors, or children of non-members who are interested," she said.

ALAMEDA WARD

They who saw the excitement at the Carl Ferre home may wonder what was going on while Mrs. Ferre was visiting her parents in Mexico and Carl's parents in Ogden. The Bishopric was powerless. The police could not help. So firemen came with their ladders, lights, and other equipment. Carl was relieved after four hours struggle. He had shut the door and left the key inside.

J. BONNER RITCHIE, son of Bishop and Sister Horace J. Ritchie, has received a missionary call to serve in the Eastern States. His testimonial will be held in the Sunset ward chapel June 12 at 5 p. m.

J. Bonner Ritchie to Leave for Mission

J. Bonner Ritchie, son of Bishop and Sister Horace J. Ritchie, has received a missionary call to serve in the Eastern States Mission.

This is not the first time that congratulations have been in order for J. Bonner. During the seven years he held the Aaronic Priesthood, he maintained a perfect attendance record for Priesthood meetings, Sunday School, and Sacrament meetings. This is indeed an enviable record and we feel that it is a good foundation for a mission and that he will be a worthy representative of Sunset Ward and of the Church.

His Testimonial will be held in the Sunset ward chapel, June 12, at 5 p.m. and the public is cordially invited.

Relief Society Asks Oakl'd 4th Rummage

Relief Society ladies are planning a rummage sale. Clothing should be clean, but not necessarily ironed. All saleable rummage should be brought to the new chapel building on Saturdays, or call Hattie Robinson KE. 2-9195; Jane Lauper, LO. 2-4983, or Georgianna Facer, LO. 2-1310.

Mission Ward

Primary Theme "About My Father's Business," May 1

By Renee Peterson and Dixie Oliver

Primary conference theme for Mission ward, May 8, was "Wist Ye Not that I must be about my Father's business." The program included these participants: prelude music by Shirley Child; invocation by Ronny McKune; welcome by Myrtle Nelson; narrator, Myrtle Yearance; teacher, Flora Gillispie; duet, Claudia Draper and Gail Territo; benediction, Michael Oilver; chorister, Sonja Swenson; The Sweet Lady, Florence Mecham; and Arthur Libby and Family.

Elder Thad Draper is home from the Samoan Islands to receive medical care. He is being assigned to the Southwestern Indian mission to complete his term.

New MIA officers are Lucas Politis, superintendent of the Young Men's; David Tanner, age-group counselor; Gaylord Peterson, activity counselor; and Frank Phillips, secretary.

Dee Mecham, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ellis Mecham, now wears the pin given to priesthood holders who achieve 100 per cent attendance at all their church meetings.

Ward conference was held May 21 and 22.

Relief Society members are honoring a "Mother of the Month" Each mother honored is presented with a corsage and is asked to bring something they have made or demonstrate a hobby.

President Zina Baker, honored for the month of April, displayed two quilts she had made. Sister Ella Allred is now being honored for the month of May. She showed a pink and white baby quilt to the sisters.

Blessing and Confirmations this month are as follows:

Babies blessed: Jeffrey Allen Tuttle, son of Allen and Carmen Measom Tuttle, by his father; Eric K. Hall, son of Mark F. and Clara Robinson Hall, by Thomas Last; Marcia Joy Mitchell, daughter of William J. and Lois Johnson Mitchell, by President Wallace N. Allred; Ian Jeffrey Moors, son of Frank B. and Flora Gadinet Moors, by Thomas Last.

New members confirmed: Orrie Kay Baysinger, by Lloyd Webster; George Winford Loller, by Walter Peitsch; Tyler Jenson Smith, by his father.

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San Leandro

Promotion Transfers Bishop Webster and Family to Tennessee

By Lorna Beach

Our beloved Bishop, John H. Webster, has been transferred to Memphis, Tennessee. San Leandro will miss the Webster family very much. They have been faithful, generous and most gracious. Sherline has been a real inspiration to the young girls of our ward. We wish them well in their new home and congratulations to John on his wonderful promotion.

The Ralph Sylvester family are living in Castro Valley. Ralph has served as Ward Clerk for many year. His faithful family contributed unselfishly to the development and progress of our ward. Julia served in many capacities in the auxiliaries of the Ward. We will miss Verla too! (Verla Sandstrom is Julia's sister). She was one of the first missionaries to leave from San Leandro Ward. Through her wealth of knowledge of the gospel she has been instrumental in bringing many members into our midst.

Brother and Sister Day moved to Castro Valley! Melba was Relief Society President. The ladies loved her and appreciated her fine leadership ability. Castro Valley is growing, indeed!

Sister Nell Christensen was sustained as our Relief Society President; Verl Moore and Viola Schipper were called to be her counselors.

Stanley Ness, now stationed at Fort Ord, will be traveling to Alabama in a short time.

Kenneth L. Fry is home from the Navy and expects to retire soon.

Joan Heath received a scholarship, in drama, to the Brigham Young University.

Donna Schipper was chosen to be one of the speakers at high school graduation exercises. Bobbe DuBois will offer the invocation. We are proud of our Seniors!

The Bishop wishes to thank everyone for their loyal support of the Welfare Dinner. This project helped to take care of our Welfare cash assignment for the year 1955. He, also, urges the members to continue their faithful activities and attendance in the church during the summer months.

San Francisco Stake

Dynamic 3-Act Drama Calls "Witnesses" To Resurrection

By Beryl Theurer

The "truth of the Resurrection" was on trial in the San Francisco stake house May 6-7, when the stake MIA presented 'The Vigil," a three-act play by Ladislas Fodor. The jury was not hand-picked, it was a partial jury, made up of a capacity audience gathered to enjoy an evening of drama by a troupe of "could-be" professionals. It was the author's intention to stage a modern trial of the gardener as a graverobber "in any small American town." But the defense counsel and the prosecutor were more interested in the Resurrection than the guilt of the pious Jew charged with invading a tomb between Good Friday and Easter Sunday.

The setting was simple and impressive, allowing the interest to center on the dynamic members of the court and such witnesses as Mary Magdalene, Pilate, Saul, and Peter. Praise is due for the excellent performance of the cast which included: Betty Lou Hardle, Evan Hunter, Lynn Pocock, Emmett Beattie, James Wotherspoon, Jerry Thomas, Gerard Van Zeben, Vernon Simister, Barbara Barber, Bob Smith, Al Townsley, Joe Burdette, Lorni Fortei, Stephen Winter, Ray Stein, Joy Logan, Lois Burrows, Earla Call, Fred Holmes, Harold Sullivan, Jack Nixon, and Nita Webster.

Much commendation is credited also, to Connie Fairbanks, the stake MIA drama director, and her production staff for this stellar presentation.

MIA SWARM DAY

Ten Honor Bees were presented special awards and corsages by Stake YWMIA Age Group Counselor Lois Burrows at the Beehive Swarm Day on May 21. Also honored were graduating and first-year Beehive girls.

This important event for the young MIA girls was rounded out by a skit from each ward on the Beehive books of the month; a short play on "The Spirit of the Hive," in which a girl from each ward performed; a speech on the MIA theme, and the flag ceremony. Also enjoyed were refreshments and the exhibit of articles made by the Beehive girls and the quilt to which each girl contributed a block.

Honor Bees were Leslie Glazier, Anita Howard of Balboa Ward; Nancy Roberts, Sheila Coski, Erma Lee Williams of Balboa II Ward; and Linda Johnson, Carolyn Roberts, Jane Roehl, Janice Mayfield, Sherri Baumann of Sunset Ward.

Arrangements were under the direction of stake Beekeepers Melissa Whitehead, who acted as mistress of ceremonies, and Ann Stewart.

COURT OF HONOR HELD

Troop 81 of Balboa Second ward was host of the Court of Honor held in the stake May 20. Ward MIA Superintendent Grant Bennion conducted the program and Whitey Levanton, scout master of Troop 81, assisted in the arrangements.

Recognition was given to the advancements of 15 scouts in Troop 81.

Prior to the program a Pot-luck Dinner was served to members and parents. Games and refreshments climaxed the evening. Special guests were Joe Fleming, Mission Trail district executive, and Fred Grow, Stake YMMIA Superintendent.

MIA JOY FESTIVAL

The MIA Joy Festival on May 24 was a rewarding evening for Mia Maids, parents and friends who witnessed the presentation of 19 Mia Joy awards in a beautiful ceremony. A social with interesting entertainment completed the evening. On display were the handicraft and baking accomplishments of the Mia Maids. Emily Trottier, stake supervisor, directed the arrangements.

HOSTS SHIPWRECK PARTY

San Rafael Ward MIA was host to the stake at a Shipwreck Party, April 26. Guests came dressed as they would if the ship were sunk after 10 p.m. A hilarious time, with games and tempting refreshments, was had amid the gangplank, life rafts, and palm trees. King Neptune was on hand to hold court. In charge were President Lois Poulsen, Superintendent Wilford Tolman, and activity counselors Bert Fallows and Okla Garrett of San Rafael Ward.

SPRING HOP HELD

The Spring Hop provided a gay evening of dancing on May 14 sponsored by the Stake MIA. The floor show, under Stake Director David Chaffee, displayed the dancing talents in two wards. A fine orchestra and cooling refreshments added enjoyment.

VOLLEYBALL TOURNAMENTS OVER

The Stake volleyball tournaments are over and winner in the Men's League was San Francisco ward; in the Girls' League, Mission Ward. Doug Shelton supervised the men's tourney and Gail Wood, stake Sports Director, was in charge of the girl's games.

CHANGES IN HIGH COUNCIL

President Serge J. Louper announces that Eldon Reid of San Rafael ward has been honorably released from the Stake High Council, and Joseph W. Greenland of Balboa ward, formerly first counselor in the Stake Mission Presidency, becomes the newest member. Taking over Brother Reid's duties as advisor to the MIA is High Councilman Clarence Giles.

PRIESTHOOD DINNER

Members of the stake Aaronic Priesthood and their fathers enjoyed an excellent dinner and entertainment the evening of May 13. All arrangements were handled by the Stake Priesthood committee.

STAKE SUNDAY SCHOOL ATTENDANCE AVERAGES

Attendance averages for ward Sunday Schools during April have been released by the Sunday School stake board:

Balboa	31%
Balboa II	34
Mission	35
San Francisco	35
San Rafael	37
Sunset	31
Stake Average	34%

Superintendent Wesley Tolley's encouraging reports that Instructor subscriptions for Sunday School officers and teachers have reached 69 percent of the stake's goal—the highest percentage ever attained to the month of April. The Sunday School hopes to report 100 percent in their subscriptions by June.

Recent changes in the stake Sunday School board are: The honorable release of Paul Stewart, first assistant, who is leaving San Francisco to practice dentistry; the advancement of Russell Hulme from second to first counselor; and the appointment of Al Trauffer, formerly advisor to the investigator class, as second assistant. Afton Jensen joins the board in the Junior Sunday School Department as advisor to Course No. 1.

STAKE RELIEF SOCIETY

Stake Relief Society board members delight in the beautiful luncheons to Sister Jacketta Quealy, so May 16 was an eventful day. Honoring Leeta Squire who leaves the board to move to Belmont, Sister Quealy was again hostess to the members at her lovely home. A blue damask table cloth, a centerpiece of purple grapes, and amethyst crystal lent beauty to the luncheon. Each guest was presented with a silver butter dish. Edy Somers of Pleasant Hills, a former member of the board, and Josephine Danford, away from stake Relief Society activities for many months due to illness, joined the group.

San Rafael Ward

Building Fund Plays, Dinner, Set June 3

By Joyce Cowley

The Mutual sponsored building fund project, a spaghetti dinner and two one-act plays, has been postponed for one week, and will now be held the evening of Friday, June 3. The cast of the play, "Roughly Speaking" includes: Lawrence Reynolds, Muriel and Roger Malphurs, Cherry Evans, Connie Egbert, Tom and Norma Fallows, Douglas Ingram, Cheryll Lynn, and Clair Wilcox. Those participating in the old-fashioned melodrama, "Curse You, Jack Dalton!" are: Lucile and Randle Ramney, Helen Lynn, Dean Rickenback, Don and Joyce Cowley, and Shawnna Kneeland.

We feel fortunate in having Gae Canaan in our ward, as she works miracles with flowers! He lovely floral arrangements added much to the beauty of our Mother's Day program, as they do to every Sunday service. Gae and her husband, Howard, also take charge of the refreshments at many ward dances and parties.

Myron Frazer, who was stationed at Hamilton Air Force Base for some time, received his discharge recently and returned to his home in Utah. While here, Myron served in the capacity of Music director in the MIA, and also as a Sunday school and ward teacher.

The Bishopric announced recently that we are in the home stretch as far as completing the chapel is concerned, but that these finishing touches can take anywhere from about a month, to as much as a year, depending upon our efforts and cooperation. Let us all strive to do our part in getting the chapel ready for dedication.

Stanton Benson Moves Family to Orinda; Many Other Changes

By Patrea Egbert

San Francisco Ward is sorry to lose Brother Stanton F. Benson who has been serving as second counselor in the bishopric and has bought a home in Orinda, Berkeley Stake. It seems San Francisco Ward has had quite a few changes this past month.

We released the following from the Y. M. M. I. A.: Bob Peet, LeVel Galloway, Fred Clawson, Utah Lawrence, Merrill Menlove, Larkin Hamilton, Tom Jensen, Wayne Lambert, he has been sustained as Stake Missionary teacher). Those sustained in the Y. M. M. I. A. were Glen Poulsen, Joseph Burdette, Nixon Young, Dean Rickenbach, Richard Hollon. Released from the Primary were Barbara Menlove, Donna Overson, and the following teachers: Nancy Skousen, Elizabeth Stephensen, Florence Christy, Ellis Kirkham, Shirley Lucas, Verna Thomas, Betty Bartholomew, Erma Baker. Sustained in the Primary were Elizabeth Stephensen and Maxine Ausseresses, Christine Walton, Letha Hall, Eve Jolly, Gloria Stracke and Lillian Conwell, teachers. We all extend a vote of thanks to those released. Also leaving us are Paul Josephson and Jim Pettingill who are going to Alaska and will probably see Bob Peet up there.

The babies blessed May 1st whose parents are members of the ward were: Harold Brent Parker son of Juel and Darlene Parker; Perry Snow Thomas, son of Allan and Verna Thomas. Baptisms: Sheila Joy Taylor, Kristine Mary Swenson and Robyn Cossette Ausseresses. Ordinations: Emil Hanson elder; Richard Hollon, elder; Floyd E. Beattie, high priest; Spencer Roy West, deacon; and Scott Lambert, teacher.

Seems Cupid has really been at work around this ward lately (or is it Spring). Married were Howard Ruff and Kay Felt in the Salt Lake Temple on April 18, 1955, Glen Thomas and Thelma Haigh in the Idaho Falls Temple on May 9th, and Russell Jansen and Tula Brown. The army transferred Russ to Porto Rico, and Tula will poin him in June.

Engaged are John Carleton and Josephine Hoffman. They will be married this fall.

At the annual stake Aaronic priesthood dinner, Jimmy Lynch shared first place honors with his partner in the (lemon) pie-eating contest; also Jerry Carver won first place honors in a milk drinking contest. (Your reporter was unable to verify details which involved rubber nipples).

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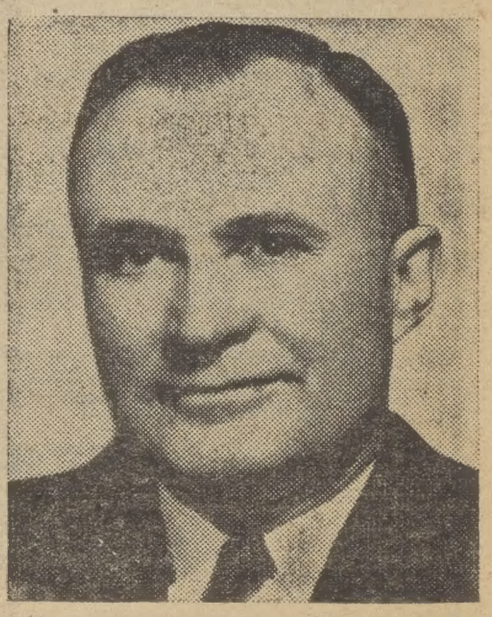

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Top Pilots Learning About Christ's Life

By Sister Ardis Autry

I have been asked to write a piece on what I think of the Primary. How do you put into words what you feel in your heart?

To me to have just a small part in teaching these children of eight and nine year olds and to learn as they learn is something wonderful.

As The Top-Pilots we have set our goal to try to be the kind of person Jesus wants us to be. And as it has been said many times before, to later on be able to say that I had helped in some way to set just one child on the right road of life is all the thanks a Primary teacher ever wants.

During this year we have studied from the time before the birth of Jesus on through his life and resurrection and are now learning of the marvelous teaching he has given to us. We have had many activities that have been both fun and have impressed the importance of being the very best we can.

I don't believe, even if you searched the world over that you could ever find another organization which is doing the wonderful work with children from four to twelve than the Primary Association of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints. And I am both thankful and proud to be just one of the many many teachers.

Berkeley Stake

Stake Missionaries Carrying the Gospel In Berkeley Stake

The Berkeley Stake blood bank assignment for May was given to the 5th Quorum of elders. For June the 4th quorum has been selected.

BERKELEY STAKE MISSION

There were 74 stake missionaries carrying the gospel in Berkeley Stake in April 1955, six less than in March. Yet the number of times out and the hours spent exceed the record for last month and last year in April.

Fourteen were baptised in April, six in March, totaling 42 for the year to date. The number of baptisms in the districts was: Berkeley, one; Claremont, two; Concord, four; Martinez, one; Pittsburg, one; Pleasant Hill, one; Richmond, one; and Walnut Creek, three. Total 14.

PALO ALTO STAKE

Burlingame

Happy June Party Honors High Scorers In Ward Teaching

By Lynette Arnason

Burlingame Ward's first big June activity will be the ward teaching party on June 4th. It is in honor of all the ward teachers who made it possible for Burlingame Ward to have the highest percentage of homes visited. The competition from San Bruno Ward gave added impetus to all teachers.

To get the summer off to a good start, a big dance is planned for June 24th. A fine band will be there. All ward members are urged to come, with a special invitation to those students returning from college.

Enthusiasm is running high for the coming summer program. Activities are planned with the family unit in mind. We want the families as a whole to participate and join in the fun. Swimming parties, dances, movies, beach parties, and numerous other activities are scheduled, to contribute to everyone's enjoyment of summer.

Palo Alto Member Opens Law Office

Announcement was made recently by friends of Keith Petty that he had opened a law office in Palo Alto, as well as maintaining a similar office in the Crocker Building in San Francisco.

It is learned that Mr. Petty, a public accountant also, practices law principally in the field of tax and probate matters and general business law. His experience with the big CPA firm of John F. Forbes and the tax department of Pacific Tel. and Tel. Co., reinforces his interest and service in this work.

An Idahoan, a lieutenant in the Navy during the last war, he now serves as counselor to Supt. Dale Bowen in the Palo Alto Sunday School and as a members of the Stake S.S. Board.

Keith and Gail, his wife, have three children. Gail is ward organist. They have lived in Palo Alto since 1946.

ALAMEDA WARD

Fred Miller, and son Allen, were ordained Deacons at the same time, on the 126th anniversary of the restoration of the Aaronic Priesthood, May 15.

President David B. Haight, Palo Alto Stake, March, 53.

Pres. Haight Named New President Chamber Commerce

DAVID HAIGHT . . . he's new president of the Palo Alto Chamber of Commerce.

David B. Haight, president of Palo Alto Stake was elected president of the Palo Alto Chamber of Commerce March 18 by the board of directors. Elder Haight, associated in the ownership of the Palo Alto Hardware, stepped up from a vice presidency in the chamber. He was still on his way home from a trip East which he had been given in recognition of outstanding achievements.

The new Chamber head is 49. He and his wife have three children. He is a Rotarian, member of the Palo Alto Club, and has served the stake as president since March 3, 1951, with Sidney B. Barger and Richard B. Sonne as counselors.

Conference Sees Mission Changes

Several changes were made in personnel at the Berkeley Stake conference, May 1.

Elder Phil Hilton was released as Berkeley Stake Mission president after five years of excellent service. During Brother Hilton's administration the stake made an enviable record being eight in the entire church in number of baptisms.

Succeeding Pres. Hilton is Elder Wells Bringhurst Wilkinson. President Wilkinson has chosen as his counsellors, Elder Delbert H. Rock Jr., and Elder Mark R. Bickley.

New counsellors were sustained in three ward bishoprics. Elder Mack E. Hughes was made second counselor in the Berkeley first ward; Elder Duayne N. Andersen, second counselor in the Concord ward; and Elder Melvin E. Parsons, second counsellor in the Richmond ward.

Primary Given Charges Special Campaign For Discipline, Reverence

By Minerva Bailey

The special aim now is a disciplined child in Primary, yes, and Sunday School, Sacrament Meeting, MIA—in fact any time he is in the chapel, the house of the Lord.

President David O. McKay has given the Primary Association a special charge to spearhead a campaign for disciplined children and reverence in our chapels. But need we stop with children. Definitely not. President McKay is supporting steps being taken to get results, and urges cooperation and help from the Priesthood and all auxiliaries. Much will be accomplished if all organizations do cooperate and educate their members to the value of true revernce. And parents . . . . please, a good example.

Mexican Book of Mormon Lands Surveyed By Thomas S. Ferguson, Edwin M. Shook

(continued from page one)

beautiful artifacts of gold and silver, the party arrived in Tuxtla Gutierrez, state of Chiapas, April 20.

In Tuxtla, Edwin M. Shook joined the expedition. By previous arrangements he flew from Merida, Yucatan to Tuxtla. He is a professional archaeologist who has specialized in the pre-classic period in Middle America. The period that extends from 3,000 BC to about 400 AD. These years, of course, cover the Jaredite and the Nephite periods as recorded in the Book of Mormon. Mr. Shook has spent approximately 20 years with Carnegie Institute in their archaeological work in Guatamala and Yucutan.

With Mr. Shook, the expedition proceeded to survey promising sites in the Grijalva River valley in Chiapas, the southern most state of Mexico, adjoining Guatamala. Among the places visited and surveyed were mounds near Chiapa de Corza, and Acala in both of which regions was found evidence of very large ancient centers. At Acala camp was pitched for a week. Besides making scouting surveys up and down streams on both sides of the Grijalva River, a ten-foot trench was dug by native laborers back from the edge of a cliff where a deposit of sherds had been exposed by weathering and stream action.

This trench work contributed several burlap bags full of potsherds and a few figurines. After these were washed and studied, Mr. Shook was positive in dating the deposit well into pre-classic times, and approximately within the dates of 600 BC and 400 AD, the Nephite period of the Book of Mormon.

Collections of similar ceramic samples were made in several adjoining areas and similarly placed by Mr. Shook within the dates mentioned. All these labeled bags were later transported to Mexico City. There placed in the care of Dr. Henrich Berlin, a very able Mexican archaeologist with whom Pres. Ferguson of NWAF has contracted to direct the Foundation's 1955-56 field work beginning next October and extending to May 1956. A force of 40 to 50 local workers will be recruited for the digging, supervised by Dr. Berlin and assistants, some of whom will be archaeology students from the Brigham Young University.

While in Mexico City, Mr. Ferguson conferred with Mr. Ignacio Marquina and his assistant Edwardo Norguera. These men are in charge of archaeological work in Mexico for the government, and readily renewed already existing permits for the work of NWAF. Mr. Marquina was presented with a copy of "Ancient America and the Book of Mormon" and Mr. Noguera requested a copy which will be sent to him by mail.

Pres. Ferguson expressed great satisfaction with the results of the preliminary survey just completed. Abundant confirmation was found for the belief that a large, archaic civilization existed in the central plateau of Chiapas. What cities existed there and what people dwelt in them and what, if any, script may yet be buried there await the work of patient shovel and trowel directed and studied by trained archaeologists in the next several years under the sponsorship of NWAF.

The New World Archaeological Foundation has the means, it is announced, to conduct extensive archaeological work for the next four years, at least. Pres. Ferguson stated that the expedition contracted for this work will constitute the largest archaeological field work in the Mexican Republic at the present time. He also said that the area surveyed has never before been worked by any expedition. Mr. Shook declared this whole region a very promising one for new light on the origin of the ancient peoples of Middle America.

No organization except the NWAF has announced plans for extensive work in this region in the near future. Heretofore their interests have been centered on the more spectacular sites where towering pyramids, temples and other stone structures are to be found. Now the NWAF will search for the origins behind the great Mayan peoples.

Wedding Bells

ALAMEDA: Sharon Jane Hagg was married to Richard James Ingham at the home of her parents, Harold and Grace Hagg, 2762 Maxwell Avenue, May 21. The ceremony was by Bishop Arnold Bangerter of Alameda ward. Sharon is the granddaughter of Amelia Everett.

A bridal shower was given in honor of Sharon Hagg by Isabell Buck and Amelia Everett May 13.

A bridal shower for Naomi Napoleon Weight was given by Reta Kalaikau, Elinore Engel and Hazel Bangerter at the Bangerter home.

ALAMEDA: The engagement of Donna Hughes to Roland Rice of Oakland Third ward has been announced here.

MARTINEZ WARD: Shirley Perrins has chosen June 10 as her wedding date to Roger Tyler, son of Mrs. Lillian Tyler. They will be married in the Idaho Falls temple. Reception will be held at the Martinez ward chapel on June 18.

WALNUT CREEK: Brother and Sister Nico Snel announce the engagement of their daughter, Helen, to Lowell Walker, son of Brother and Sister LaMont Walker of Woodland, Utah. Lowell is stationed at Travis Air Force base, attached to army anti-aircraft. They plan to leave for Salt Lake June 16. June 21 has been set for the marriage in the Salt Lake Temple. Present plans are for both of them to continue their education at Brigham Young university.

BERKELEY: Margaret Cope and Don Allan Martindale received their friends at a wedding reception Monday April 11, 1955, in the LDS Institute of Religion, Berkeley. The wedding had been solemnized in the Salt Lake Temple.

OAKLAND 5TH: A wedding reception honoring Lois Patricia Judd of Salt Lake City and Ronald Verl Stone of Oakland is announced for Saturday, June 11 at the home of Mr. and Mrs. O. Leslie Stone in Piedmont. The wedding ceremony will take place in the Salt Lake Temple.

OAKLAND 3RD: Another June wedding reception at the LDS Institute of Religion will celebrate the marriage of Yvonne Marie Horta to George F. Hilton, son of Eugene and Ruth S. Hilton. The reception is scheduled for June 16 at 2368 La Conte, Berkeley. The St. George Temple will be the scene of the sealing ceremony, June 14.

PITTSBURG: Mr. and Mrs. James M. Thomas of Ione are announcing the engagament of their daughter Joyce to Mr. Robert Anderson, formerly of Pittsburg Ward. A June wedding is being planned to take place in Germany where Robert is teaching in a high school for the Army. They will remain in Europe for one year.

Obituaries

OAKLAND WARD: We are deeply sorry to lose the warm friendship and pleasant smile of our beloved Brother LeRoy S. Hill, who passed away in May. We extend our love and sympathy to Sister Hill and pray our Father in Heaven's blessings on her.

HAYWARD: Mrs. Maxine Barjoran passed away the 8th of May. The funeral was held in Hayward Ward of which Mr. Barjoran is a member.

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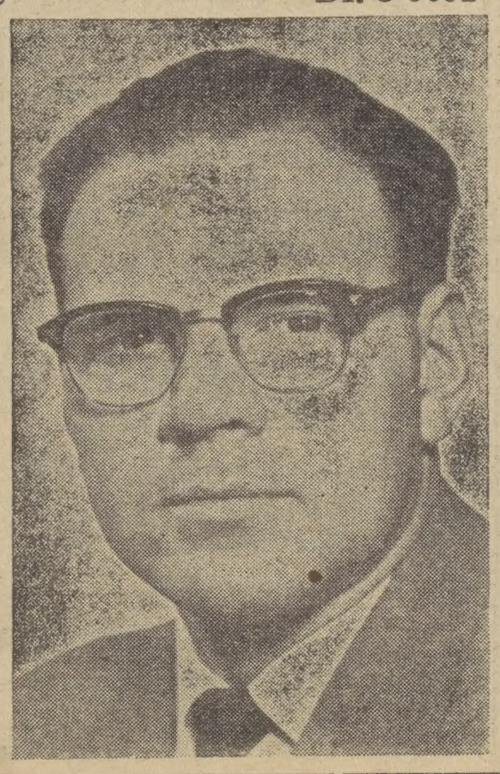

The Messenger
Of Northern California

"Behold I will send my messenger, and he shall prepare the way before me; and the Lord whom ye seek shall suddenly come to his temple."
—Malachi 3:1.

FOR OF SUCH IS THE KINGDOM

In your own neighborhood, this true experience may be relived within your lifetime.

Two mothers are talking together. One has been crying. Hear what she says:

"I wish my daughter were like yours. Oh, how I wish with all my heart that she had been active in church, then maybe none of this would have happened."

Editorial

That is not all the story. But you who lived through the same sort of experience know all the details of the rest of the story. In the same neighborhood, one young lady is in the depths of sorrow, remorse and shame, and if she continues as she is, she faces numberless days of bitterness and tears. The other young lady is happy, joyful, getting along well in school, and is looking toward one day marrying in the Temple and living out her days in a home where love abounds and children fill her days with a "near-heaven" style of living."

WHAT MAKES THE DIFFERENCE

Why one road for one? Another road for the other?

Part of the answer, one contribution to the difference, was discussed that very day by the two mothers. The young lady who is looking forward toward a gospel-centered and balanced life of beauty, goodness and love, has been active in the Primary association since she first joined, until she went into the MIA. Now, she is active again in her ward Primary, teaching today's youngsters who follow a path like the one she she once blazed for herself.

Walk into any primary. Look around at the boys and girls there. Visit any class. And, in those classes, you'll see faces of boys who will one day be in ward bishoprics, in stake high councils or presidencies, or heading an auxiliary or a priesthood quorum. And in those same primary classes, you can see the little misses who will one day share those responsibilities.

FIRST PRIMARY ORGANIZED IN 1878

"It was in March, 1878," according to the Primary handbook, "that Mrs. Arelia Spencer Rogers of Farmington, Utah, thought of an organization for little boys where they could be taught 'everything good and how to behave.' She noticed that many of them . . . were learning things that little boys should never learn."

Result of this interest and inspiration was a discussion with Sister Eliza R. Snow, who in turn spoke to the presidency, and later suggested the name, "Primary." President John Taylor and other members of the Council of the Twelve approved. Bishop John W. Hess of Farmington ward set apart Sister Rogers, Sunday, August 11, 1878, to preside over 115 boys and 100 girls between the ages of 6 and 14.

RAPID GROWTH AND ACCEPTANCE

As Farmington youngsters continued their lessons and activities, other Primaries were begun. One, in the Eleventh ward in Salt Lake City had as President Mrs. Louie B. Felt, who on June 19, 1880, was appointed general president of all Primary associations. (With her two years in the ward, and 45 heading the general board, she served Primary 47 years).

Lesson outlines were prepared, and a magzine, "The Children's Friend" was started. The Primary Children's hospital was established in May, 1922. In 1928, the Jubilee Year of the Primary association, some 12,000 children marched in the Grand parade, and many thousands participated in the festival and pageant. To show how the organization has grown, under five presidents (La Vern Parmley has been president since 1951), almost as many ward and stake officers are required in each stake as there were total boys and girls enrolled in the first Primary. In Berkeley, Palo Alto, Oakland and San Francisco stakes, nearly 1,000 ward and stake officers serve today.

KNOWLEDGE, FAITH, SERVICE, ACTIVITY

Nowadays, with a wonderfully well-developed series of class plans, today's Primary youngsters are offered an opportunity to grow in knowledge, faith, service, and testimony, through wholesome, guided week-day activities and studies. Recently added to Primary work is Cub Scouting. When Scout enrollment age was changed to 11, the 11 to 12 year old Scout program was retained in the Primary. Guide leaders prepare these young men, not only for Scouting and MIA, but for their Aaronic Priesthood work as well. Class divisions have grown from a few in 1878 to nine class divisions today: three for boys and girls from age 4 through 8; and three for boys and three for girls in the 9-11 age groups.

Truly, the wonderful women who guide our youngsters through their formative years, help parents fulfill this commandment, which is also the primary theme:

"And they shall also teach their children to pray and to walk uprightly before the Lord."
- - D & C 68:28

My Testimony

By Mabel Bennett Liddell

The power of the Priesthood of God is very real as testified to by countless righteous men who humbly bear it. Bernard Skagfjord of the Balboa II Ward Bishopric shares his significant testimony with us:

" A short time after my ordination the Melchizdek Priesthood the Adversary had over-shadowed me with gloom and despair concerning the Priesthood. On one memorable Sunday, the feeling of depression was even greater than ever before. I was called upon to act as spokesman in setting apart as a Sunday School teacher, one of the Lord's choice handmaidens. Because of her sweet spirit, the Lord was able to make manifest to me the power of the Priesthood."

"As I administered the Lord's blessings upon her I felt the greatness and power of the Priesthood. When this strange power left me to my own insignificant strength, the shock of the difference made it very difficult for me to stand."

"So impressed was I that I remembered verbatim the blessing given. Upon reaching home I wrote it down. It has been an inspiration to me to witness this blessing being fulfilled because of the righteousness of the girl. I hold a tender spot in my heart for her because she was an instrument in the hands of the Lord in convincing me of the power of the Priesthood."

"Through humility and diligent labor, I have seen come to pass a startling statement from my Patriarchal blessing: "You shall have power over the mechanism of Satan." As we fully know the Adversary was unable to ever receive a body, therefore he is very jealous and at every opportunity tries to destroy or harm our bodies. Accidents are one of the great weapons which he uses to accomplish his purpose. We bring them about through our ignorant and thoughtless acts."

"In my daily work I have been assigned to act as Chairman of the Safety Committee in order to reduce accidents. Through the power of the Priesthood it has been my humble experienc to help my daily associates accept greater responsibility for others with the thought, "I am my brother's keeper." This has resulted in a remarkable change in actions. Today, accidents resulting in injuries have been reduced to a meager minimum."

"I will be eternally grateful to my Heavenly Father for the Priesthood which I bear and to the sweet, gentle helpmate he has given me, who in her own self-sacrificing way helps me to magnify my Priesthood calling."

BRETHREN and SISTERS

We often feel within ourselves that the payment of tithes and offerings is quite alright for those who can afford it, but that it is questionable to do so when we are in low income brackets, because it might deny us or our families some things which are needful.

If we will go back in Church History, we will find some interesting facts regarding the law of tithing. In 1898 when Lorenzo Snow became President, the finances of the Church were in a very chaotic condition. It would take too much space to go into detail, but suffice it to say that because of demands which had been made on the Church it was on the verge of bankrupcy. It was therefore necessary that some means be taken to meet this emergency.

Lorenzo Snow was eighty-four years of age at the time he became President. The responsibility was tremendous. He planned a bond issue which provided temporary relief for the conditions he faced. That he received a revelation regarding the principles which he brought before the members, cannot be doubted. He instructed as many of the General Authorities as could possibly go, to journey to St. George, Utah. Why, he could not tell them because he did not know except he had been inspired to do so, but shortly after arriving there it was revealed to him the purpose of the call was to visit the saints in the southern part of the state.

He told the saints that he could see how seriously the law of tithing had been neglected by the people, because not only was the Church in debt but so were the saints. Now, however, through strict obedience to the law of tithing, not only would the Church be relieved of its great indebtedness but through the blessings of the Lord this principle would also be the means of freeing the people from their individual obligations and they would become prosperous.

In a discourse published in the "Millenial Star" in 1899, President Snow stated: "The word of the Lord to you is not anything new. It is simply this: the time has now come for every Latter-day Saint who calculates to be prepared for the future and to hold his feet strong upon a proper foundation, to do the will of the Lord and to pay his tithing in full. That is the word of the Lord to you and it will be the word of the Lord to every settlement throughout the land of Zion."

History bears record that the people of Southern Utah as well as the Church from that time forth did enjoy greater prosperity than they had ever known. Zion was redeemed by the paying of tithing and those who have tested this principle testify that it applies to individual salvation also.

The Lord bless you all with a desire to gain this testimony.

Sincerely your brother,
C. W. Nalder.

LIAHONAS CLUB NEWS LETTER

We've had two dinner meetings since we last wrote to you in this corner of The Messenger. April 25, we had a stirring and helpful talk on "The Job and The Man" by Mr. PAUL L. GRIFFAN, Manager of the Elgo Sabatini Agencies, a firm of labor relations and personnel placement specialists. Mr. Griffan touched our hearts when he urged, in his speech, that the Club help our young people to find their life's work by giving them counsel and guidance. This is one of the aims of the Club and it was a compliment to be told by an employment expert that our help is needed. Thank you for a very fine talk, Mr. Griffan!

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The May 23 dinner meeting was turned over to the Liahona Mountain Lodge Committee in the first step this year to complete the "Campsite". A. D. ERICKSEN, Oakland attorney, and chairman of the committee gave a progress report that was both factual and inspiring. In fact, the members pre sent felt that his information was so important that they voted to have his report reproduced and mailed to every member.

DR. C. RONALD SMITH, chairman of the finance committee for the Lodge, presented his report which showed aggressive action on the part of his group already. Dr. Smith announced that a benefit dinner, with all proceeds going to the Lodge, will be held at the Claremont Ward, June 15. Tickets are being mailed to each member. Plan to attend and bring your friends. An excellent dinner and fine entertainment is in store for you . . . Thanks A. D. and Dr. Smith for your good work!

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Return of the Bullfighters. I. B. Ball, Editor of The Messenger, and T. S. Ferguson, Oakland attorney, are back from their anthropological junket into Mexico.

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Phil Lewis, of East Bay Agency (complete insurance service), has moved out to Concord. He tells us that his company will shortly have a Concord office in addition to its present office in Richmond.

Best wishes. See you at the Lodge Benefit Dinner at the Claremont Ward, June 15.

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Genealogy . . . Ways and Means

By Mary Lou Harline

Please send questions for this column, also comments, suggestions and helps you have found, to Mrs. Mary Lou Harline, 1721 Poplar Drive, Walnut Creek.

Do you have a genealogy library in your home? Before you say no, look over your books in the attic or in the boxes in the garage to see if there might possibly be an old atlas. One that is too old to show the most recent changes of the fast moving boundaries in Europe might be just the map to help us locate our ancestors who left there 50 years ago. Do you have an old Postal Guide, or even a recent one. Some localities are big enough to have a post office but not big enough to show on some of our small scale maps, so, then we turn to a postal guide to find the county it is in. Do you have a travel guide book of any European country, or of any of the United States? These books will tell of roads, towns that are easily accessible one from another, and perhaps give us a clue as to where to search for those great-grandparents that seem to have dropped from nowhere, but probably came along in the natural migrations of their times, if we only knew of them.

Don't be afraid to spend a little time in browsing through books, town histories, books on social customs, tourist guide books, biographys. Correspondence shouldn't be neglected, but your reading should give you some new ideas on where to write.

Here is an example of the value of carefully seeking in books. The ancestors of one, James Newberry, according to family records was born about 1715 and was of Franklin, Dutchess County, New York. There seemed to be no records on either the Newberry family or on the town of Franklin, Dutchess County. A quick check of the history of Dutchess County found nothing. A few weeks later it was picked up again. This time a section in the appendix to the book was studied, on towns in Putnam County, New York, that had formerly been in Dutchess County. Included was the town of Patterson which had been formed March 17, 1795. The name of Patterson had originally been Franklin, but the name had been changed to Patterson on April 6, 1808. The book went on to say that Patterson had been settled principally by people of Scotch extraction from Westchester and New York City, but chiefly from Massachusetts and Connecticut. Now we have new information that opens up larger fields of research and other records can be searched.

QUESTIONS & EXCHANGES

Miss Helen Green of 841A Shrader Street, San Francisco desires material on the Alfonse Green and his wife Betty Bonny Murdock family, circa 1800, New York State; also on John Bourne of Burslem, Staffordshire, England.

Mrs. William Urmy, 1011 Church Street, San Franciso will exchange data on Eaton Family of Tunbridge, Vermont, in particular Eleanor B. Eaton. Any Urmy notes are welcome and credit will be gladly given.

Mrs. Clara W. Conly, 4340 23rd St., San Francisco, wants data on Leahy, Meade of Kinsdale, County Cork, Eire. Also compiling Hayes and Ede family data.

Mrs. James R. Johnson, 2614 Diamond Street, San Francisco will exchange data on Flad of Germany.

The Berkeley Stake Reference Book is proving a boon for the advanced home study researcher. It is an interesting companion book to supplement any genealogical material. $1.50 ($1.65 by mail) while supply lasts. Mrs. G. E. Schier, 2700 22nd Street, San Francisco 10.

Berkeley Stake

Berkeley Stake Softball League Starts New Season of Fun, Action

Phil Lewis announces that the softball senior league, West Division, started games May 26 at Nichol Park, Richmond, on the the same diamond as used last year.

Games will be played every Thursday from 7 to 10 p.m., says Mr. Lewis, the Berkeley Stake softball director.

He states that the East Division will begin games early in June.

Eric Raynor, director of the West Division of the stake's softball league, announces that he anticipates teams from every ward will be in hot competition for the beautiful trophy awarded the winners at the season's end.

OAKLAND FOURTH WARD

A shower was given May 18 for Marjorie Hawkins by Sisters Erva Wilson and Helen Lauper. Morjorie is a 15-year primary worker.

339th Quorum Sets Picnic at Concord

The 399th Seventy's picinc will be held on Concord ward's grounds Saturday, June 4, between 3:30 and 9:30 p.m. Special events for the children will include Treasure Hunts, races, frying their own hamburgers.

Dan Drumiler, party chairman, Mulberry 5-4679, may be contacted for more details.

The 339th quorum includes Walnut Creek, Pleasant Hill, Concord, Martinez and Pittsburg.

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MARJORIE PYLE PRESENTS a lesson using visual aids before a group of teachers receiving in-service training at a Berkeley Stake Primary preparation meeting.

DEMONSTRATING TEACHING METHODS are Ina Spear, Primary organist, at the piano, and Marjorie Remington, chorister, for Berkeley stake.

2,000 HEAR ELDERS BENNION, GARFF DISCUSS IMPORTANCE OF INDIVIDUAL DEVELOPMENT

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first, we have no paid and professional priesthood because man needs no intercessor with God. He asked his audience to consider what it means to have the priesthood in every home all the time and said that, "The strength of the priesthood in every home brings virility to the Church." The second reason is "that companion of the priesthood," the individual testimony. He quoted from a lecture on Judahism delivered by Dr. Parks as being applicable to the LDS Church, "They do not have so much a theology as a way of life."

Two youthful speakers, Bonnie Clark of Walnut Creek Ward and Douglas Paulson of Berkeley First, spoke with sincerity and poise on the meaning of the Gospel in their lives. Sister Clark likened the prescence of the gospel in the heart to vaccination against disease. It is a protection throughout life but needs to be renewed regularly. Brother Paulson likened Church membership to funds in a bank. To renew our testimony we only need to go to the nearest Church group and draw strength through priesthood affiliation.

Elder Mark Garff said that the power of the Church is in the people. All material things could be taken away and if the faith of the people remained they could be rebuilt. But if the faith of the people were destroyed the buildings and material things would not be worth anything. It is our duty, he said, to build all men that they may give more spiritually than they receive. "But it is hard to be spiritually strong and financially broke," he said and that is where the welfare plan comes in. To protect our security and procure our prosperity we should learn to do something and to do it well.

Elder Adam S. Bennion congratulated the stake on progress since the time he was attending the University of California in the 1920's and encouraged church members to read the scriptures. He suggested an easy beginning by reading the 12th, 8th, 24th, 27th and 51st psalms. He said that man is a physical creature of wonderful complexity, yet each man is different and the thing that is important is what he does with what he has. To highlight his remarks he called two young people from the audience, a girl of 12 and a boy 13 years old, and by questioning pointed out to his audience what they are today. Then, left each listener to conjecture what they might be in 10 years. "We are born into the world to learn truth and to develop the spirit," he said.

Music for both sessions was by a combined choir of Berkeley stake directed by Nico D. Snell and accompanied in the morning by Grace Boyack and in the afternoon by Mary Russell.

The afternoon session continued the spirit of the morning meeting with strong emphasis on individual development. President Emery R. Ranker, first speaker, pointed out that the Gospel is individual and available to all who seek. He said that at various times during the history of the world, God has put groups of people under promise: Jaredites, Nephites and the people of Judah. He explained that the LDS people are now under that promise with all the accompanying opportunities and obligations.

President Delbert H. Rock bore a moving testimony of his faith in the Gospel and the value this testimony has in his life. He said that each person knows God through his own testimony and "God is what He is regardless of what men concieve Him to be."

Elder Garff also bore his testimony and said that it is the mark of a great man to be willing to give himself in the service of others. In this respect, he paid tribute to Elder Bennion. He said that it was the greatest blessing in life to be able to go to God with a clear conscience and ask for the blessing you need.

Elder Bennion, on "testing as the purpose of life," said, "It is a sad day when man has everything. Need brings appreciation." Men are tested in different ways but all are tested. He related some very touching incidents to show how different individuals of his acquaintance had risen to the testing.

large number of children that filled the stand but to the parents who filled the chapel.

Tuesday May 17, Sister Bessie Gilbert gave an interesting talk and picture story of her recent trip to Hawaii. (It was reported last month that she was Europe bound, sorry, sent them wrong direction).

Berkeley Stake

Traveling Seals Won By 2 Richmn'd Wards

The Berkeley Stake Primary has increased enrollment this year with its Traveling Seals. These framed honor seals are given to the wards having the highest percentage of attendance at preparation meeting each month. Three consecutive months win the seal permanently for the ward. Richmond Ward Primary under the able direction of Sister Lula Borkman has won permanent possession twice this year, and for this accomplishment was awarded a large copy of the Primary theme suitable for display in the chapel.

East Richmond was also awarded permanent possession of a seal at the May Stake Preparation meeting.

Walnut Creek

Final Drive,Aim to Dedicate in August

By Verna Mayfield

The final drive is on for the Completion of the Ward for dedication the first of August. Ward members have prepared themselves, along with the Pleasant Hill Ward, to make this the climatic drive of the year. Brother and Sister Jim Lee have been recruiting workers that they know will support Bishop Larsen and Bishop Hilton in this drive. It will be two years on June 20 since ground was broken for this chapel and recreation hall. The towns people have commented on the picture that this building creates on the side of the hill.

One of the organizations of the Church that teaches the children how to understand the Gospel, and plays an important part in helping them to associate with others, is the Primary organization. We of the Walnut Creek Ward are proud of the work that is being done by Sisted Nola Sullivan and her staff of officers and teachers. Every Saturday morning they meet in the Chapel for the children.

Sunday evening, April 24, they demonstrated just what they have been doing in their program. It was inspirational not only to the

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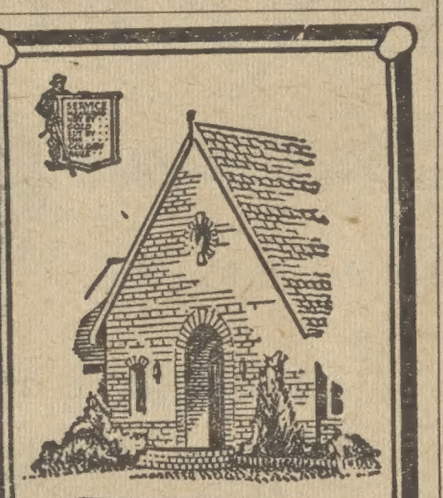

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INDIANS FROM BERKELEY SECOND ward also marched in the Pioneer day parade held at Concord on July 24. Throughout the church, next July 24, other Indians will march from other ward Primaries as each stake schedules Pioneer Day activities.

Martinez Ward

Primary to Meet on Thursday Mornings

By Alva Mae Forsyth

Primary will meet Thursday mornings during school vacation. Th Primary youngsters gave a most enjoyable performance at their conference. Theme was "Wist ye not that I must be about my Father's business?"

Shirley Perrins, sports director was in charge of the Spaghetti feed put on by the Mutual girls. Proceeds will go to assist the girls with camping expenses. Opening exercises of the Martinez Ward conference was presented by the Beehive Girls. In the evening session they presented their Flower Evening. We are very happy to have Estella Seay back in Mutaul after a long illness.

Donna Brooks, Jill Hansen, and Marvin Graham were baptised and confirmed recently.

Sherman Cooper Frease, son of Lilla and Steve Frease was blessed on April 27.

Concord

Let's Put a Snafu On Let-Down Idea; See Chapel "Fini"

By Lorraine Reinoldson

It was certainly a thrilling experience meeting in our new chapel the past month.

However, the chapel isn't completed yet! So, Brothers and Sisters, we'll not let up on our progressive spirit. Let's put a snafu on the tradition that says work always slacks off on a chapel as soon as people start meeting in the unfinished building. Our chapel stands as a monument of courageous faith and hard work—let's keep on with the good work until the very end.

La Rue England reports from the Primary: "We had a very wonderful and reverent Primary last Thursday as we moved into our new chapel for opening exercises. We truly hope to instill reverence and prayerfulness into our children.

"We wish to release Pat Holbrook who has moved back to Salt Lake City, and also Marjorie Marshall, because of illness, with a vote of thanks. Welcome, Gwenn Beal, into the Primary. We also bid Dorothy Thomas a cheerful goodbye and wish her happiness in her new calling in the mutual."

The Norm Greers are going back to Provo for Kay's graduation from the BYU.

The William Lindfords are entertaining Brother Lindford's father, 86 years of age. Point of Interest: Father Lindford has known every prophet of the Church except Joseph Smith.

Meryl Skidmore returned from Delta, Utah where he had the sad experience of burying his father. Morgan Greenwood likewise returned to Nephi, Utah to bury his mother.

Mr. and Mrs Williams Accept Mission Call

Recently announced by President Thomas S. Ferguson of the Orinda Branch is the missionary call of one of the young couples of the branch.

Robert F. Williams and his wife Rosemary Scott Williams will leave for the Mission Home in Salt Lake City June 21, and are scheduled to sail for Great Britain July 6. The farewell will be held June 16 at 8 p.m. in the Community Church, Orinda. A social will follow.

Robert F. was born in Pasadena, a son of Mrs. Geneva Williams who now lives in Santa Cruz, and the late George Williams. Now in the general insurance field, he is a Sunday school teacher in the Orinda branch, and sings in a branch quartet. He accepted the gospel five years ago.

Rosemary also teaches Sunday School, and has worked in the MIA and was stake gleaner girl president. For several years she has served an Oakland law firm as office manager. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Scott of the Orinda Branch presidency.

Pleasant Hill

Skits, Songs, Feature Primary Conference

By Dora Friedrich

Skits and songs portrayed the theme, "Wist Ye Not That I must be about my Father's business" at Primary conference Sunday, May 22. Youngsters won the hearts of their audience with their interpretation of the life of Jesus as a young lad. Primary is losing, Mutual gaining, as four more Pleasant Hill youngsters become 12 and graduate. They are: Len White, Patsy Oram, Sharon Carlson and Phyllis Griffith. With the coming of summer, and close of the school term, Primary will be held Thursday mornings at 10 a.m., President Dorothy Oram President Dorothy Oram says.

Summer is here with vacations, trips, and so forth, yet the Lord's work is just as important now as at any other time.

Each class and activity, such as ward teaching, is important and should be carried out with proper preparation and by making proper provisions for substitutes when necessary.

Of prime importance is work on the chapel. This work should be accelerated to completion this summer. Let us all make our plans to put the most time possible on the chapel—we need the help of everyone.

—Joseph Roy Hilton, Bishop

The patio at the home of Nona Henry will be the scene of the closing social for Relief Society June 2, when a luncheon will be served. Bernice McKinnon, group president, states that an interesting and educational summer program is being formulated, with meetings slated for the second Wednesday of each month from 9 a.m. until noon. A pot-luck luncheon will be served at each meeting. In order to raise money for a sewing machine, Relief Society members got out their mixing bowls and gave a successful cake sale.

Welcome to new members by baptism: David Robert Smith, Carrel Jane Hilton, Alan Michael Knight and John Tolbert Hansen.

A musical treat was enjoyed recently by members of Pleasant Hill ward when they heard solos by Claude Heater, a visitor here for several days. He was a guest at the home of his sister and brother-in-law, Evelyn and Phyl Hilton. For the pas three years he has toured Germany and Spain with operatic companies.

EASTER ATTENDANCE

In the San Bruno chapel that morning 390 attended the beautiful Easter service, while at the same time 41 attended a similar service in Brisbane and 74 in Coastside, making a total of 505 for this one ward. Congratulations.

Pat Fortini, Oakland Wins Award at BYU

Among a group of eleven freshmen at the Brigham Young University, Pat Fortini of Oakland and Orin Lew Wood of Big Creek, California, won free tuition awards on the basis of scholarship during the 1954-55 school year.

Myrna Johnson, Empire, California, a sophomore with a 2:5 grade point average also won a tuition award.

A California record manufacturing company has requested permission to record musical selections (on long playing records for commercial sales) of three Brigham Young University musical organizations.

These BYU organizations are the "Madrigal Singers", the A Capella Choir, and the Symphony Orchestra.

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A "Bon Voyage" party is planned in honor of Sister Bonnie Clark, June 10 at 7:30 p.m. at Walnut Creek Ward. Bonnie leaves the last of this month for Europe through the American Field Service. The program and dance will be the theme of "Down on the Farm". An invitation is given to all of the stake and others where the Messenger might be received.

BYU News

BYU Leadership Week Offers Full Fare For Five Fine Days

The 32nd annual Leadership Week for 1955 at the Brigham Young University, runs for five full-fare days, June 20-24 at Provo, Utah. Classes, meals and housing may be found on the great campus.

Minimum expenses will be $1.00 registration, your meals at student prices in the college cafeteria, and sleeping rooms on a share-the-bath basis for $1.50 per person for each night. The activities will be of special value to church leaders and teachers, or potential leaders and teachers.

Classes, demonstrations, and lectures will get underway Monday June 20 at 6 a.m. and run all day and evening through Friday, June 24. One may register by mail by sending name and address and $1.00 to BYU, Provo, Utah.

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BETTY FRISCH OF OAKLAND Fifth ward, Oakland Stake, repeats for Berkeley stake primary workers a talk, "We are in Business" which she gave at the General Primary conference in April, 1955. She also gave this talk at preparation meeting for Oakland Stake primary workers in April.

Golden Gleaners

Carol Teuller Added to Ranks

The Oakland Stake Golden Gleaners' chorus presented special numbers at Sacrament meeting Sunday, May 22, when a Golden Gleaner certificate and pin were presented to Carol Teuller by Vera Dorfer, Fourth ward Gleaner leader. Esterella Olszowka led the chorus. Sacrament meetings speakers were Richard S. Smead of the Oakland Stake High council and Ralph Lauper, of Oakland Fourth.

Berkeley Second

Teachers Fete Delsa Walton

Mrs. Delsa Walton, of Berkeley Second Ward, who recently resigned from the Albany Board of Education after serving for almost 12 years, four in the capacity of president, was feted at a farewell party today with more than 90 Albany school teachers in attendance.

The event took place at the home of Mrs. Robert G. Bruce, 2603 La Hondao Ave., El Cerrito.

Many school administrators and former school teachers were also on hand to extend well wishes to Mrs. Walton, who will leave Saturday with her husband, Owen, and daughter, Diane, for Panguitch, Utah, to manage a motel the family recently purchased.

Teacher Eavesdrop'er Gets Frank Earful From Primary Child'n

By Margaret Ahlborn

Questions: How do you feel about Primary? What do you like about Primary?

Frances—I like the stories before Primary when I come early, and the lessons. I don't like the boys jumping up and down.

Robin—I love it! I like my teachers. I like it because it is in the Heavenly Father's house. I don't like it when the boys are silly.

Julie—All of it!

Norman—Stories — about Heavenly Father.

Tommie (a Trailbuilder Trekker)—I like it when they teach about knots.

Paul—Stories, songs, teachers and friends.

Bobbie—I like the songs and the singing best.

Buckley (a Trekker)—There isn't anything I dislike.

Rollie (a non-member boy)—It is my favorite thing I like to do.

A Teacher—Besides helping me to learn more about the Gospel, the influence upon my children and me has brought our family closer together and increased our testimony. Sometimes I get awfully tired and think I can't continue, but when I think of this and the fun I'd miss with my class, plus the friendship and association of fellow-workers I feel that all the work involved is worthwhile.

A Mother—Once a week on Primary Day our car is "stuffed" with children to take to Primary. But I don't mind doing it week after week so that the children can benefit from what Primary has to offer. It has done more to keep my children close to the Church than anything so far.

A Father (who has eaten left overs for many years on Primary day)—I'll say this much for Primary and "The Children's Friend", it has helped me keep up with my family at our Family Hour". I feel I'm in the know, and can conduct a family hour as slick as a whistle after reading the outlines in "The Children's Friend" magazine.

Lanny Remington—I like the nice things I make to bring home to my mother.

Peggy Lou Ahlborn—I like Primary because I have a nice teacher in my Top-Pilot class who gives such interesting lessons. I hate to miss even one Primary day.

A Young Man (in the Trekker class)—I like being a Trail Builder; we do so many interesting things. The songs are really "cool" and the projects have a meaning I can understand. It gives us a lot of scout work and prepares us for the Priesthood. All the Trail Builders want to become deacons so our teacher is helping us to learn the requirements.

Home Builder, Ann Reiche, feels the Primary helps her to develop poise and confidence through the activities. It has taught her to cook and plan menus, to sew, knit and crochet. But best of all it has taught her the gospel which in her opinion is the greatest gift she has received from the Primary.

Six Class A Awards At Priesthood Meet

Centerville, San Lorenzo, Oakland Fifth, Oakland Second, Hayward and Alameda, won class A pennants at the Oakland stake Aaronic Priesthood track and field meet which was held at Castlemont high school field May 15 to commemorate restoration of the Aaronic Priesthood.

Class B awards went to San Leandro, Castro Valley and Oakland Fourth; and class C awards to Oakland Third and Oakland.

Announcing the results, stake chairman E. S. Hilton, said "we hope the field day served to bring the holders of the Aaronic Priesthood and their leaders closer together and increase the effectiveness of this program."

Oakland Stake

Oakland Adventurers Shot Colorado River On Rafts, Kayaks

By Mildred Fontano

Tommy Winkel and Wendyl Clayson are accompanying the Sierra Club on a trip down the Colorado River in rafts. They will be gone three months.

James and Veda Linford will spend 10 days in June in kayaks on the same river.

May 20 the high priests of Oakland Stake with their wives had a sumptuous potluck dinner at Hayward. A lovely program followed. Pres. James Muir and his counselors have sponsored these excellent programs every other month for years.

May 24 San Leandro Ward turned out enmasse to pay tribute to their bishop, John Webster, who has been transferred by the Kellogg Co., to the deep south. He and his good wife and daughters will be greatly missed.

The Oakland Boy Scout executives held a parley and a tasty ham dinner May 5 in Alameda. Pres. Elmo Smith and stake scouting leader Heber Brown attended.

Ina Fell is planning a vacation to Canada. Her many friends surprised her on her birthday—The Louis F. Boyles of San Lorenzo are in Philadelphia on a vacation and Louis is there representing a pharmacutical company for the third year. Returning home they will motor to Washington D.C. and New York City. Marylin Hughes and two children have gone to Alaska to be with her soldier husband.

Dimond Ward reunion and dinner was a success—over 300 attended.

The Aaronic Priesthood met May 14 at Fremont high school for their annual festival. Swimming, games, sports, and eating made up a happy day.

Pres. Delbert F. Wright left for Minneapolis May 20 on business for General Mills. He will visit his son Pat and family at Tyler, Minnesota. Pat is to be congratulated on being made a branch president.

Meditations

Vinal G. Mauss

"A Garden at Night"

I stood in a lovely garden one night—
And I marveled at the enchanting sight!
When lo! There, in the Cathedral-like hush
I heard the swish of a painter's brush.
I saw the flowers and the trees in prayer,
And knew the Great Gardener was working there!

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